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## CHIEFLY ROUTINE

Was the Nature of Business Transacted by City Council.

## QUORUM FOR FIRST BRANCH

Secured After a Tedious Wait, and Chief Clemens' Men Had to Drill in the Number Needed—Second Readings Objected to of the Ordinances on Refunding City's Bonded Debt and Revision of Rules of Council.

The city council held a special meeting last night and transacted routine business chiefly. The first branch, which failed to get a quorum, nine members, for the regular meeting on Tuesday evening, came near being found wanting again. It caused a lengthy delay. After council got down to business the wheels ran smoothly and adjournment occurred at 10:15 o'clock. The refunding ordinance came up and apparently it found favor, but after the tedious wait for a quorum the councilmanic ear was not disposed to listen to a second reading.

The roll call showed the following at 8:40 o'clock: Present, first branch—Bachman, Baird, M. A. Chew, Gartley, Knoke, List, Meyer, McCormick, Schmidt; absent—Beuter, McKelvey, Scalliey, Shockey, Strobel, Waterhouse, Williams. Second branch, present—Beckett, Bradbury, Chew, R. T. Caldwell, Fair, Fitzsimmons, Fox, Kalbitzer, Killen, Kindeberger, Kurts, Long, Marschner, Miller, McMechen, Ratcliffe, Scheele, Welgerber; absent—Bloomfield, Gaus, Healy, Korn, Maurer, McGrail, Ritter, Watson, Ziegler and President Maxwell.

### Getting a Quorum.

In the second branch at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. Miller was voted to the chair and Clerk O'Brien proceeded to the reading of the minutes. There were loud and frequent objections to the reading from Mr. Fox, who cited the absence of a quorum. A first branch in support of his objections. The minutes were adopted, however, after which on Mr. Marschner's motion, a recess of five minutes was taken in hopes of a quorum being secured in the chamber across the hall. There was a lively tilt at one stage of the game between Acting President Miller and Mr. Fox, the former threatening to have Officer McGuigan, the sergeant-at-arms, force the first warder to be seated.

At the expiration of the five minutes, Mr. Fox asked the re-convening of the second branch. Mr. Miller was disposed to be lenient, but he had to rule, so he rapped the brethren to order. It was stated then, at 8:45 p. m., that the first branch had eight present. After Clerk O'Brien read the roll call, Mr. Caldwell moved that a fifteen minute recess be taken and that Chief Clemens scour the town for a first branch member. The recess was taken and it was said that an officer was already on the trail of one of the absent brethren. There was no chance for any of the second branchers to escape had they been so disposed, for Mr. Marschner's motion instructing Officer McGuigan to allow no councilman to leave the building, was previously adopted.

At 8:50 Officer Knabe hove on the scene with Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Gartley had been corraled by Officer Pritchard. They made the quorum.

### Compromise of Damage Suit.

The report of the committee on claims, relative to a compromise of the H. German - Gould damage suits against the city was adopted. It provided for the payment of \$500 to Hungerman, \$50 to J. A. Gould and \$25 to Melvin Gould; total, \$575. The plaintiffs had sued for much more. They were injured at the Twenty-eighth street embankment two years ago.

### Committee Bills.

Mr. Killen objected to the fire committee's recommendation to purchase gum boots for the firemen, to cost \$33. He wanted information as to whether the city or firemen should buy them. The latter's cause was amusingly championed by Mr. Fox. The bill was ordered paid.

City Engineer White defended the foundation of the new engine house in East Wheeling, saying it was good as any in the city, when asked to give his opinion in response to Mr. Kindeberger's motion to defer payment to the contractor, as recommended by the fire committee, until the wall was examined. The bill was \$600. It was ordered paid by the second branch, 14 to 5 being the vote. The bills passed on were:

Accounts .....	\$ 163.90
Fire department .....	4,311.31
Markets .....	9.35
Health .....	67.40
Real estate .....	33.67
Scales .....	120.30
Total .....	\$4,595.93

### Revision of the Rules.

The ordinance submitted by the special committee on rules of council was read once and laid over until the next meeting. The rules show only three changes from the old. They are intended to prevent the rushing through council of ordinances.

### Refunding Ordinance.

The refunding ordinance was read once in the second branch. A second reading was objected to by Mr. Fitzsimmons, so it goes over for two weeks. The ordinance is a lengthy document and the reading of it and the rule revision ordinance consumed an hour's time on their first readings.

### Miscellaneous Business.

The license of the Howell House bar was transferred from Mrs. W. B. Howell to Baird Nichols.

The three months' appropriation ordinance was passed without debate. It provides for the city's running expenses for January, February and March.

The sale of the city's ground west of the old water works, was confirmed and a technical objection in the deed cleared up.

The city clerk's report of the city's finances was printed in Wednesday's Intelligencer.

## RICHARD EVANS DEAD.

Was the Oldest Sheet Mill Man in the Ohio Valley.

Richard Evans, one of the oldest and best known mill men in Belmont county, died yesterday, at his home in the "Standard division" of Martin's Ferry. He lived alone and was discovered dead last evening by his grandson, Austin Davis, who had called on a visit. It is presumed he passed away fifteen hours before he was discovered. Death was due to natural causes, chiefly the attendant ailments of old age. The deceased was seventy-five years old, and in point of service was the veteran sheet mill man of this section. Surviving him are the following children: William Evans, Wheeling; Harry Evans, Cambridge, O.; Thomas Evans, Germany; Victor Evans, Seattle, Wash.; Joseph Evans, England; Mrs. Tranter, Cleveland; Mrs. Whitworth, England; Mrs. Benjamin Davis, Martin's Ferry. All his sons are mill men. The funeral will occur from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Davis, the date to be arranged later.

## LIVERYMEN ADVANCE

The Price of Funeral Hacks—Scale in Effect After the New Year.

The local liverymen, at a meeting of their association, decided to advance the rates for funeral hacks of fifty cents. The old scale was \$3 per hack to Mt. Wood and Peninsula cemeteries, and \$3.50 to Mt. Cavalry and Greenwood, and it will now be \$3.50 and \$4 respectively. The advance goes into effect after January 1. A committee was appointed at the meeting to wait on the ministers and request them to hold funeral services within stated hours; that is, to provide, if possible, some schedule whereby hacks would not be kept waiting in the street indefinitely, a condition that often unnecessarily exposes the horse to stormy weather.

## DIED.

ARKLE—On Tuesday, December 26, 1899, at 3:20 p. m., JOSEPH A. ARKLE, in the 68th year of his age.

Funeral from his family residence, No. 4117 Jacob street, Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Requiem high mass at Church of Immaculate Conception.

BAYHA—At the family residence, Stackyard Hollow, on Wednesday, December 27, 1899, at 4:45 o'clock p. m., ANNA CAROLINE, wife of Frederick Bayha, in her 72d year.

Funeral services at St. James Lutheran church, 1469 Chapline street, this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsula cemetery. Special cars will leave the church after services.

CARROLL—On Thursday, December 28, 1899, at 11:45 p. m., MARTIN, the infant son of Martin and Louisa Carroll, aged 10 months and 1 day.

Funeral notice hereafter.

## UNDEBTAKING.

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## KRAUS BROS.

After Christmas  
Bargains.

The annual after Christmas Clearing-up Sale begins this morning, and a right merry time it will be—a fitting wind-up to the wonderful Christmas selling of these last few weeks. Every department will share in the bargain making, and all over the store there will be money-saving opportunities to make glad the hearts of thrifty buyers. Don't delay coming. The best things will go quickly

KRAUS BROS.,

WHEELING'S FOREMOST CLOTHIERS,

Strictly One Price.

1319 Market Street.

## THE RAILROADS.

It is said that the Alton management contemplates an extensive and expensive beautification of road and grounds between Chicago and St. Louis. The idea is to transform depot grounds into well-kept lawns, set off with flower beds and shrubbery, and to give the fences along the tracks coats of attractive paint. Thus far there is no definite information concerning the contemplated improvement, but it is said that the management will start out with the intention of spending a great deal of money. President Felton is known to be artistic in his taste, and there is no denying the often-made assertion among employees of the line that the road and its environments would not be made to suffer if a material expression of the beautifying spirit were made manifest in several places. Mr. Ruggles, of the Michigan Central, is one of the foremost advocates of park-like depot grounds and attractive stations. At many of the places along the line of which he is general passenger agent, the station grounds in the summer time are pointed out as leading attractions by the residents.

## Eastbound Shipments.

Last week's east-bound shipments showed a slight increase over those of the week immediately previous, although they fell considerably short of those of the corresponding week in 1898. They amounted to \$9,012 tons, a gain of 2,649 tons over those of the week before. They were divided as follows: Grain, 59,585 tons; flour, 21,510 tons, and provisions, 18,127 tons. The Fort Wayne did by far the best individual business, hauling 13,235 tons, or 18.4 per cent of the total, and the Nickel-Plate came second, having 13,741, or 13.9 per cent, to its credit. The other lines came in

the following order: Lake Shore, 13,340 tons; Erie, 9,403 tons; Pan-Handle, 8,117 tons; Wabash, 8,042 tons; Michigan Central, 7,361 tons; Grand Trunk, 7,135 tons; Big Four, 6,894 tons, and the Baltimore & Ohio, 6,654 tons.

## Judge Burke to Retire.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 28.—The closing of the Ohio Central-Hocking Valley deal, officially announced from Columbus to-day, means the retirement of Judge Stevenson Burke as president of the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad. Judge Burke purchased the Ohio Central at receiver's sale fifteen years ago. It is reported here that as soon as the stock is formally transferred some European capitalist will be elected as temporary president of the Ohio Central. Latterly, it is believed that Mr. A. G. Blair, formerly president of the Wheeling & Lake Erie road, will be made president and general manager of the property. The Ohio Central and Hocking Valley lines will continue to be operated as separate properties, although all owned in common.

## Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by R. H. List, 1010 Main street, Chas. Menkeneller, corner Market and Twenty-second streets, druggists. mw&f

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Odd Pictures,  
Odd Chiffoniers.  
Odd Dinner Sets.  
Odd Art Furniture.  
Odd Toilet Sets.  
Odd Lamps.  
Odd Rockers.

Ladies'  
Jackets.

\$ 1.98 A few of last season's \$3.00 to \$10.00 Jackets at \$1.98.  
\$ 2.98 A few of last season's \$16.00 to \$14.00 Jackets for \$2.98.  
\$ 3.98 A few of this season's \$3.00 Jackets go at \$3.98.  
\$ 5.98 A few of this season's \$10.00 Jackets go now at \$5.98.  
\$ 7.98 A few of this season's \$15.00, \$14.00 and \$12.00 Jackets at \$7.98.  
\$10.98 A few of this season's \$12.00, \$10.00 and \$14.00 Jackets at \$10.98.

Capes.

\$2. A few of last season's \$3.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00 Capes at \$2.  
50c A few of this season's \$1.00 Capes go at 50c each.  
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\$1.98 For \$2.00 Plush and Cloth Capes.  
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